

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



September 17, 2003

REFUGEE COORDINATOR LETTER NO. 03-22

TO: COUNTY REFUGEE COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2004 WAIVER

The Refugee Programs Branch (RPB) is pleased to announce that the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) has approved RPB's request to use Refugee Employment Social Services (RESS) formula funding to provide services to refugees who have been in the United States (U.S.) longer than 60 months but who have not attained U.S. citizenship. The approval is for the FFY 2004, from October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004.

A requirement of the waiver states that California must provide:

- A narrative description of the number of refugees served, and
- The specific type of services provided to the refugees.

This information will be included in RPB's Quarterly Performance Report. The ORR is interested in knowing specifically that there is a need and how this waiver will be helping to serve the refugee population. Enclosed please find a Quarterly Narrative Report on Refugees Served Over 60-Months, which provides counties with a format for submitting the quarterly narratives. In addition, please report the numbers of over 60-month clients served due to the waiver on the RS 50 (Services Participation and Outcomes Report) for RESS activities. This information is important for the current year, but will also be useful in the future if we request that ORR grant California an additional waiver. Please submit your Quarterly Narrative Report on Refugees Served Over 60-Months and RS 50's no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> day following the end of the quarter to Mr. Steve Saucedo, Operations and Performance Bureau in the RPB.

Enrollment of time-expired refugees in ORR-funded Social Services Programs will occur on a space-available basis and will not displace time-eligible refugees.

The approval letter from ORR is enclosed for your information. If you have any questions regarding this waiver, please contact Ms. Bonnie Brady of my staff at (916) 654-1461.

Sincerely,

*Original Signed by  
Thuan Nguyen on 9/17/03*

THUAN NGUYEN, Chief  
Refugee Programs Branch

Enclosures

COUNTY/CONTRACTOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Person Completing Report: \_\_\_\_\_  
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January 20<sup>th</sup>  
April 20<sup>th</sup>  
July 20<sup>th</sup>  
October 20<sup>th</sup>

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## 2. PROBLEMS

- A. List any problems experienced during the reporting period. (Include actual/anticipated slippage in task completion/project implementation dates and any deviations from original project plan. Also, indicate any steps undertaken to address problems.)

- B. Specify any difficulties in coordinating services with local AAAs and/or providers of services to the Elderly. Also, indicate any steps undertaken to address these difficulties.

## 3. DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES: List information dissemination activities carried out during the reporting period. (Attach copies of any newspaper, newsletter, or magazine articles or other published materials considered relevant to project activities or used for project information or public relations purposes.)

## 4. OTHER ACTIVITIES: List any other project activities not noted earlier.

## 5. ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD: List major activities planned for next reporting period. (Include specific coordination activities with local AAAs and providers of services to the Elderly.)